

Remarks

This amendment is responsive to the official action mailed February 27, 2007, wherein claims 11-16 were allowed and claims 1-10, 17 and 18 were rejected as anticipated by JP 291572.

By this amendment, applicant has placed claims 11-16 into allowable form and has amended claims 2 and 4-9 to depend directly or indirectly from claim 11. The remaining claims are canceled. The pending claims are allowable in accordance with the official action due at least to their dependence from allowed claim 11.

In the official action, independent claim 11 and dependent claims 12-16 were allowed. Claims 12-16 did not depend from claim 11. Based on the statement of allowable subject matter, the examiner may not have intended to allow claims 12-16. However that issue is moot because these claims also have been amended so that all the pending claims depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 11.

All pending claims are allowable, consistent with the official action. Applicant need not comment on the propriety of the rejection over JP 291572. Formal allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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